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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. USSR

A NOVEMBER 2 PRAVDA COMMENTARY CONCLUDED THAT THE SUMMIT MADE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ARAB UNITY AND TO PROSPECTS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. THE COMMENTARY CHARGED THAT ACCUSATIONS BY ISRAEL AND ITS "IMPERIALIST BACKERS" THAT RABAT MAY HAVE WEAKENED THE CHANCES FOR PEACE ARE PART OF AN EFFORT TO FORCE THEIR OWN ORDER IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 16744, 11/3.

2. PRC-WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING HAS PROVIDED THE US

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LIAISON OFFICE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PROBABLE

PRC POSITIONS AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. THE PRC:

--WILL EMPHASIZE THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE INCREASED PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN PROVIDE OPEN-ENDED FOOD COMMITMENTS TO DEFICIENT COUNTRIES; BUT

--RECOGNIZES NEVERTHELESS THAT A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO CURRENT FOOD SHORTAGES MUST BE FOUND THROUGH

SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY GRAIN RESERVE;

--IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ESTABLISHING ELABORATE NEW INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY AND HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING MACHINERY SUCH AS THE FAO;

--WILL PROBABLY ENGAGE IN THE USUAL ANTI-SUPERPOWER RHETORIC, PARTICULARLY ON VOTING SYSTEMS AND ANY FORM OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER RESERVES; BUT

--MAY APPROACH THIS CONFERENCE SOMEWHAT MORE CONSTRUCTIVELY THAN IT DID THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) USLO PEKING, 11/3. INGERSOLL

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